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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Greetings fellow RDVF members! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I know it was a fast-paced and fun-filled one for me and my family. It was very nice to be able to have a holiday that was a bit more “normal” than those in the recent COVID past. I’m sure many of you felt the same way. It was also a time where we were able to meet again in person as an RDVF Board of Directors. The RDVF met on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the morning after the 42d Infantry Division’s Dining-Out. More on that, later. While the pandemic did teach us all how to operate in a virtual environment, the few board members who joined our meeting via Zoom, did so purely out of convenience. It was my first meeting as your new chairman and it was really great to see everyone again.

During the meeting we recognized the service of so many, starting with BG (ret) Paul Genereux. His leadership over the years has been invaluable to the success of the RDVF. I am honored to be taking the reins from Paul, as he continues to mentor me and help guide the RDVF into the future. Joining me as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice is Harry Miller whose tremendous focus and leadership is already contributing towards meeting our foundation’s objectives. Recent changes in the roles on the RDVF board and committee assignments are Tom Kinley, who will transfer his finance responsibilities to Steve Wickstrom. Kelly Fancher, who has passed the secretarial duties on to Patrick Macklin. The Board is also very happy to introduce 3 new Board members: Patrick Clare, Steve Ferrari and Steve Wickstrom. Reginald Sanders stepped in as the new Membership Chair and immediately made an impact by bringing in 8 new lifetime members from the Dining-out. I send my deepest thanks to all of these folks for their dedication and service to this wonderful organization. Finally, with my recent assignment as the Chairman, I will be stepping down from the Scholarship Chair. A new Scholarship Chair will be named soon, and I assure you this program will remain strong and a significant highlight of the RDVF membership offerings.

A take-away from the Board Meeting was one of our most pressing and immediate objectives to update and improve the <rainbowvets.org> website. We are committed to achieving this within the year. The new website will aim to provide a public facing, user-friendly site that will promote critical information about the organization, scholarships and our affiliations while allowing us to sell memberships, event tickets and RDVF products on-demand. It will also allow for a back-end membership management tool, email and marketing interfaces, calendar, scholarship submittal platform, file sharing capabilities, and an historical digital archival storage space. We know this is a tall order, but the team already dove in and is working diligently on this project. I see this as a major focus for the first year as it will provide the face of the RDVF for many years to come.

I will close by sending our sincere appreciation to MG Tom Spencer and the 42d Infantry Division for including the RDVF in their Dining-out on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a top-shelf event that honored so many Soldiers and was capped off by an incredible speech from WWII veteran Bud Gahs, AT Co. 222 Inf Reg. His story was so inspiring, that the RDVF has committed to supporting Erin Faith Allen’s project regarding Bud Gahs and the story of the Anti-Tank Company of the 222 Infantry Regiment. I connected with Erin by phone to discuss her project and her needs to help get this project over the finish line. Her intent is to publish the full color 400-page book and video documentary cataloguing the history and achievements of this unit. This nests nicely into the mission of the RDVF and we are happy to help.

Well, that’s enough for now folks. I wish you all a healthy and happy 2023.  
Until the next REVEILLE – Rainbow, Never Forget!  
Gary Yapple, RDVF Chairman

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## CHAPLAINS' PRAYERS

JANUARY 1998

### The Rainbow REVEILLE

National RDVA Chaplain, Norman P. Forde, COL USA (Ret)

WWII Service in Company I, 222<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 42<sup>nd</sup> Division

**Almighty God**, from You all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with your strong and peaceful wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility, your kingdom may go forward until all the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of your love. **Amen.**

MONDAY JANUARY 6, 1947



**U.S. SENATE** 80<sup>th</sup> Congress First Session

Reverend Peter Marshall, born in Scotland; died Washington D.C.

(1902-1949) Chaplain, U.S. Senate

**O Lord, our God**, if ever we needed Thy wisdom and Thy guidance, it is now – as the Congress begins a new session, standing upon the threshold of a new year, fraught with so many dangerous opportunities. We pray that Thou wilt bless these men chosen by the people of this nation, for Thou knowest them, their needs, their motives, their hopes, and their fears. Lord Jesus, put Thine arm around them to give them strength and speak to them, to give them wisdom greater than their own. May they hear Thy voice and seek Thy guidance. May they remember that Thou art concerned about what is said and done here, and may they have clear conscience before Thee, that they need fear no man. Bless each of us according to our deepest need, and use us for Thy glory, we humbly ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## RAINBOW DIVISION VET PASSES ON WAR STORIES TO TODAY'S SOLDIERS



**Story by Major Jean M. Kratzer  
USARMY NG NYARNG (USA)**

First printed online in The National Guard and reprinted on the U.S. Army homepage.

**ALBANY, N.Y.** – A World War II veteran of the 42nd Infantry Division shared his combat stories with 300 New York Army National Guard Soldiers serving in the division's headquarters for the unit's annual dining out.

Lockered "Bud" Gahs, from Perry Hall, Maryland, who served as a private in the division's 222nd Infantry Regiment, shared his memories on Dec. 2, 2022,

at a hotel in Albany.

Gahs, 98, is a member of the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation, which co-hosted the event. Hosting Gahs is an integral part of passing on the legacy of the Rainbow Division to its newest Soldiers, said Maj. Gen. Thomas Spencer, the 42nd Division commander.

The history and accomplishments of the division bind our Soldiers from every era, he said. Initially created from National Guard units in World War I, the 42nd Infantry Division reactivated for World War II and fought in Southern France and Germany, capturing the cities of Würzburg, Schweinfurt, and Munich while liberating the Dachau Concentration Camp alongside the 45th Infantry and 12th Armored Divisions.

In 1947, the Division became part of the New York Army National Guard and served as a combat headquarters in Iraq in 2004-05 and Kuwait in 2020.

Gahs, drafted into service in 1943, served in the anti-tank company of the 222nd Infantry. As a truck driver, it was his job to maneuver the guns into position.

Gahs told the audience what it was like to serve with the division during the war. Without artillery and supporting units, the three infantry regiments of the 42nd were rushed to France in November 1944.

Gahs and his fellow infantry members faced down the German counteroffensive near Strasbourg, France, called Operation Nordwind, launched in conjunction with the Battle of the Bulge further north in the Ardennes.

Gahs and his unit defended a town called Schweighausen. During the fight Jan. 25, 1945, Gahs remained at his post for hours, fending off repeated German attacks with his M3 submachine gun.

"We lost two Soldiers from our squad that day," Gahs said. "As soon as they (the Germans) left, we were grateful they didn't set the house on fire while we were still hiding out on the second floor."

The Army credited Gahs with killing 10 enemy troops, wounding eight, and capturing eight in his defense of the position. For his actions, he received the Bronze Star Medal.

Just 90 days later, Gahs found himself advancing with the 222nd Infantry through Dachau and the infamous concentration camp.

He rode into Dachau on the date of its liberation, April 29, 1945, providing security in the woods near the camp and expecting to find SS prison guards.

While clearing the woods, they heard rustling, and a man crawled up to Gahs.

"Dachau was a surprise to all of us," he said of the camp's liberation. "We didn't know it was that bad."

"We were ready to shoot if needed," Gahs explained before the group of American GIs realized the man was a prisoner.

"To this day, the most moving moment of my life was when that prisoner came up to me and kissed my boot. It brought a tear to my eye and still does."

The regiment continued its advance, and by the next day, Gahs and the 42nd Division entered Munich, the birthplace of Nazism.

The realization of his accomplishment that afternoon in late April 1945 didn't set in for a while, Gahs said. He never wandered through the front gates of the concentration camp until 1972.

"Thank you, Bud, for sharing the story of your exemplary heroism," Spencer said as Gahs finished to a standing ovation from the modern-era Soldiers. "You know the price of freedom better than anyone, and we are all grateful for you."

## LOCKERED "BUD" GAHS' RETURN TO HIS TRAIL OF THE RAINBOW (Part 2)

By Erin Faith Allen



### DAY 2:

We visited Dachau concentration camp where Bud had patrolled the surrounding woods on April 29 1945, the day of the camp's liberation. His memories of encountering newly freed prisoners that day are still vivid, and he shared them with us and the incredible staff of Dachau - who greeted us with the warmest welcome.

Understandably, it was hard to reconcile the bright blue sky on the day of our visit with the somber atmosphere.

We are grateful to our new friends at Dachau for the tour, and spending so much time sharing information and memories with Bud!



After Dachau it was on to Munich. Bud's unit were the first Americans to enter the Marienplatz, and Bud recalls driving his truck through the arch into the center of the city.

### DAY 3:

After queuing in the bright Bavarian sun and zigzagging up the side of a mountain to the top of the world, we visited the Kehlsteinhaus, or Eagle's Nest.

On May 8 1945, Bud and some of the men of his company paid this ominously legendary mountaintop home a visit.

In 2022 and wearing his Ike jacket Bud sure stood out in the crowd, and quite a few people came up to him to say hello.

One German man approached him with utter sincerity and thanked him for his contribution to the freedom of the German people. (One thing I noticed on this journey: wherever Bud goes, he is greeted with this sincerity from strangers as if in a mirror of his own constant sincerity, generosity, and kindness).

After Berchtesgaden we drove to the monastery in Austria where Bud's company was billeted during the Occupation. The monastery, Fiecht Abbey, is currently housing Ukrainian refugees - primarily orphaned children with special needs. A Ukrainian woman who was there as their caretaker said to Bud: "Today is the Independence Day of Ukraine. I think it is a very good sign that you have come on a surprise visit to us today".



### DAY 4:

What a monumental experience! In May of 1945, the A/T Co, like others in the Rainbow Division, were tasked with seeking remnants of devoted / criminal officers of the fallen regime who had fled up into the mountains of Austria seeking an escape route from imminent retribution.

A few of the men encountered one such officer, who had killed his own wife and daughter before attempting to take his own life. Fortunately and unfortunately for him, a handful of men from the Anti-Tank Company walked into



the chalet before his deed was done. One man was so disgusted at the scene that he granted the officer's wish. This is a story that has been handed down through the next generations by each of the men who was there, and even made it into the Rainbow Division newspaper at the time.

Piecing together information from the archives and first-hand accounts from the men themselves, we ventured high up into the Tyrolean Alps to walk in their footsteps. Through good old fashioned detective work, the location of the chalet was found - though the chalet itself had been torn down after the war.

It was quite a climb up the side of the mountain - but we were lucky to be on four wheels and not our own two feet as the men were in 1945!



To stand on top of the world in the memory of this legendary moment in the Division history was completely thrilling.



passed on to their children and grandchildren. Their story is no longer tucked into the past; it now has tangible links to the future.



It is moments like this that remind us quite starkly that the cost of freedom is real. PFC Cruse and PFC Parrish ... we thank you and we will always remember you with the reverence and honor you deserve. Rainbows never die.

#### DAY 6:

This was a day none of us will ever forget. For the grand finale of our trip, Bud was surprised with the prestigious **French Legion of Honor Medal**. It is incredibly hard to put into words this monumental occasion.

The award ceremony took place in the courtyard of the home in Schweighouse sur Moder where, 78 years ago, Bud and seven of his comrades (PFC Gardner, PFC Cotterall, PFC Gallo, PFC Monaghan,

And how about this moment captured when Bud met the current landowner, who kindly greeted the group of strangers who descended quite suddenly into his world!?

It would seem that the men of the Rainbow were saying hello to their old friend Bud - and perhaps blessing the sleuthing that will be

#### DAY 5 of Bud's return to his battlefields:

We visited the somber beauty of Epinal American Cemetery, and experienced the tremendous blessing of a moving ceremony to honor two heroes.

It is in this cemetery that two of Bud's friends rest:

PFC Wayne Charles Cruse, and PFC Barney Howard Parrish.

Both men were killed in a fierce firefight in the town of Schweighausen, now Schweighouse sur Moder, France.

Bud witnessed Wayne being killed by a sniper in a house battle on a cold winter morning. Barney, who was his assistant driver, was killed just up the street in another battle while providing covering fire for his comrades.

We are truly grateful to Epinal and Eric Schell for making this ceremony possible, and to the French dignitaries and citizens who attended this special event.

Mostly, we are grateful to Wayne and Barney - and their families who continue to carry the burden of their sacrifice.

PFC Hecht, PFC Brown, and PFC Cruse) held off a German paratrooper unit. For this, Bud was awarded the **Bronze Star Medal** for Valor.

For many years he had a wish: to find this house again and spend a moment inside honoring the men who were wounded and killed in Schweighouse - and his own memories. Well, his wish came true.

The ceremony itself was epic, and Bud was bestowed with the **Legion of Honor Medal** by General Degoulange. He was also made an Honorary Citizen of Schweighouse by the Mayor, Phillipe Specht.

Bud is the last surviving member of his company.

Through him, the men live on quite tangibly now, in the hearts of the dozens of French military members and citizens who were present and showered this history with the honor it deserves.

It was a tremendous honor to accompany Bud on his journey and we are so grateful to our friends in France and Germany who helped us provide Bud his wish to return after all these years.

The details of the Anti-Tank Company, 22nd Infantry Regiment will be shared in an upcoming book currently being written by the author of this article.

**PHOTO ONE:** DACHAU Memorial Site; Bud at main gate.

**PHOTO TWO:** Marienplatz, Munich

**PHOTO THREE:** Bud, his wife and two daughters at EAGLE'S NEST.

**PHOTO FOUR:** ST. GEORGENBURG-FIECHT ABBEY; from Wikipedia - "Between 1941 and 1945 the abbey was impounded by the Gestapo and the monks were exiled, to return after the end of World War II."

**PHOTO FIVE:** The current owner of the property where the German officer met his fate with men from Bud's company.

**PHOTOS SIX AND SEVEN:** Epinal American Cemetery graves of PFC Wayne Charles Cruse (above), and PFC Barney Howard Parrish.

**PHOTO EIGHT:** The award ceremony Schweighouse-sur-Moder; General Degoulange pinning medal on Bud Gahs; battlefield historian and reenactor Damien Bauer standing just behind Bud; **Photo taken by Jean Georges Ott**

**PHOTO NINE:** Lockered "Bud" Gahs as a young Rainbow Soldier.

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## Rainbow Division Milestones 2023

With our gratitude and respect, we wish a Happy Birthday this year to:

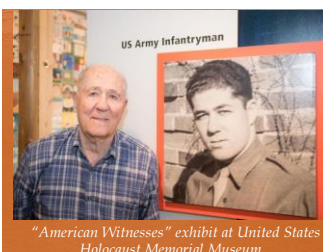


10 January **George E. Stavros**, Company B, 232nd Infantry Regiment WWII - 98 years

4 February **James A. "Jim" Derry**, Anti-Tank Company, 242nd Infantry Regiment WWII - 103 years.



22 February **Hilbert Margol**, Btry B, 392nd Field Artillery Bn WWII - 99 years

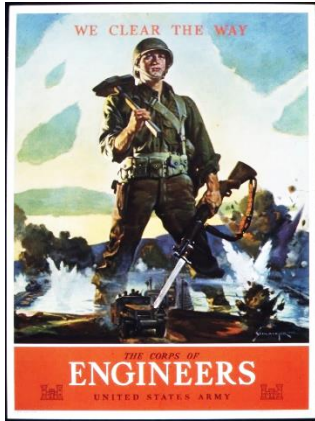


*We will Never Forget!*



# “Let Us Try” Combat Engineers in the Rainbow

By Patrick J. Chaisson  
RDVF Historian



The motto of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is “Essayons” (Let Us Try). For more than 100 years, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division’s engineers have done just that – and more. Many Rainbow Division veterans believe the unit could not have functioned without its hard-working combat engineers.

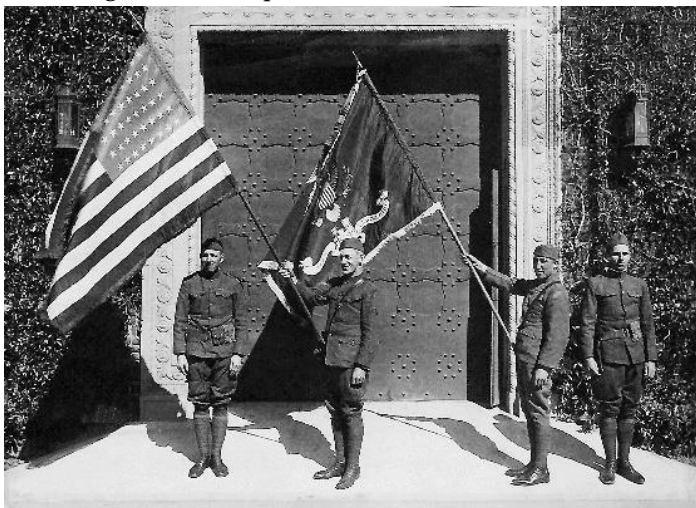
In wartime, engineer missions include bridging rivers, clearing minefields, demolishing roadblocks, and assaulting enemy strongpoints. When required, the Rainbow Division’s engineers also fight creditably as infantry.

Yet the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division’s engineers also serve their state and nation in time of natural disaster. These highly-trained soldiers and their specialized equipment are often the first to be called up whenever civilian agencies need help dealing with such emergencies as floods, hurricanes, and blizzards.



For example, the National Guard’s response to historic Christmastime snowstorms in Buffalo, New York, late last year included combat engineers who fall under the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division’s command and control for training.

The Rainbow Division’s engineer troops, then, have a record of accomplishments that extends back over one century. This report will pay tribute to those soldiers who have worn the Corps of Engineers’ “castle” insignia in time of peace and war.



The 42<sup>nd</sup> Division was created in 1917 by gathering together National Guard units from all across the United States. The division included one regiment of engineers, primarily made up of men from South Carolina

and California. It was designated the 117<sup>th</sup> Engineer Regiment, and consisted of almost 2,000 soldiers under the command of Col. J.M. Johnson.

Wartime missions included maintenance of roads in the forward area, repairing bridges, cutting barbed wire, and even the distasteful task of burying enemy dead. The 117<sup>th</sup> Engineer Regt. distinguished itself in several campaigns, including the St. Mihiel and Argonne operations. It continued to provide valuable support during the Rainbow Division’s eight-month tour of duty with U.S. Army occupation forces in postwar Germany.



When the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division was reactivated in 1943 for service in World War II, it did so under a much-modified table of organization. Gone was the large engineer regiment, replaced by a single battalion of 649 men. This unit was known as the 142<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion (ECB), with Lt. Col. Ellis O. Davis serving as its Commanding Officer.



The men of the 142<sup>nd</sup> ECB performed a wide array of vital missions. They built and maintained roads, used demolitions to destroy enemy roadblocks and bunkers, and prepared landing facilities for Army aircraft.

Many tasks once done by hand, however, could now be accomplished by the engineers’ Caterpillar D7 dozers. Other new technology fielded by the 142<sup>nd</sup> during World War II included electronic mine detectors, chainsaws, and improved explosive devices.

After World War II ended, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Div. continued on as an element of the U.S. Army National Guard. The postwar years saw tremendous changes to the Rainbow Division’s mission, structure, and equipment. Until the mid-1990s, the 42<sup>nd</sup> kept one engineer battalion (variously known as the 142<sup>nd</sup>, 102<sup>nd</sup>, or 152<sup>nd</sup> Engineers) on its rosters.

Then around 1992, the Army authorized formation of the Engineer Brigade, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. This was done in recognition of the engineers’ increasingly vital role in modern warfare, and greatly increased the number of engineer troops and equipment available to the Rainbow.

The Engineer Bde. would go to war when the 42<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Div. was activated in 2004 – 2005. It became part of Task Force Liberty, a 25,000-soldier command responsible for multi-national combat operations in central Iraq. Commanding the Engineer Bde. during Operation *Iraqi Freedom III* was Col. Gary Kleist.

Serving underneath the Engineer Bde. in Iraq were a variety of specialized units. The 467<sup>th</sup> and 903<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Battalions came out of the U.S. Army Reserve, while smaller detachments belonging to the



Pennsylvania and Texas Army National Guards also joined its ranks. Even some engineers from American Samoa served with the Rainbow in Iraq.

The list of engineer missions performed by Task Force Liberty soldiers during their deployment is long and varied. Much of what they did involved rebuilding local infrastructure. For example, the engineers were responsible for moving a convoy containing huge electrical components (nicknamed the “Mother of all Generators”) 600 miles over dangerous roadways from Jordan to a power station near Kirkuk. Top speed was six miles per hour.



Today, the Rainbow Division’s engineering capability resides in its three “Affiliated for Training” brigades. Each of these organizations has one brigade engineer battalion of about 700 soldiers under the command of a lieutenant colonel. While the 42<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Div. no longer possesses its own engineer battalion, a robust Division Engineer section provides planning support to the Commanding General.

Since 1917, dedicated combat engineers have speeded the Rainbow Division’s advance, protected key assets, and demolished the enemy’s obstacles. These quiet professionals stand ready to shape the battlefield and – as citizen-soldiers with the National Guard – respond to natural or man-made emergencies affecting their local communities.

**PHOTO ONE:** A World War II era recruiting poster for the U.S. Army Engineers. Photo: Wikipedia.

**PHOTO TWO:** Combat Engineers continue to perform vital missions in support of civilian authorities, such as the National Guard soldier operating this 152<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Engineer Battalion front loader in response to severe winter weather that fell on the city of Buffalo, NY, in December 2022. Photo credit: New York National Guard.

**PHOTO THREE:** Photo of 1SG Arthur C. Davis, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 117th Engineer Regiment, 42nd Infantry Division standing in front of the California Army National Guard Armory in Los Angeles, California during the 1920s. Photo provided by James Davis.

**PHOTO FOUR:** The Engineers soon discovered that no bridge is complete without a sign. This one was erected over the Seille River by soldiers of Company A and Company B, 142<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion. Photo credit: “42nd Rainbow Division Combat History of World War II” by Hugh C. Daly.

**PHOTO FIVE:** The bridgehead secure, the 142<sup>nd</sup> Engineers build a raft and ferry jeeps, ambulances and signal equipment across the Main River into Würzburg, Germany, on April 3, 1945. Photo credit: “42nd Rainbow Division Combat History of World War II” by Hugh C. Daly.

**PHOTO SIX:** This is one section of the “Mother of All Generators” (MOAG), a massive piece of hydroelectric machinery moved into place by Task Force Liberty engineers during March and April of 2005. Photo credit: Defense Visual Information Distribution Service.

## 2022 - A YEAR OF MILESTONES AND HONOR FOR WWII RAINBOW DIVISION VETERAN JIM DERRY



James A. “Jim” Derry, who served in Anti-Tank Company, 242<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry “Rainbow” Division, WWII had a very busy year, according to his son, Dennis.



“Dad was the Grand Marshall at the Woodsboro, MD Legion’s Memorial Day parade. (Photo left). We took a 7000-mile cross-country trip for Dad to see his great-great grandson in Washington State.

He was Grand Marshall again at the Brunswick, MD Legion Veterans Day Parade (Photo Right and below left) and he attended his great-grandson’s graduation from Fort Jackson (South Carolina) and was honored by the Command Staff....”



BG Jason E. Kelly (USA) Commanding General, U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, SC – on the right.)

All photos are contributed by Dennis Derry



Plans for 2023 include flying to Washington State to spend about 12 weeks with his granddaughter and to welcome the arrival of his great-great-granddaughter in May.





# RIDING TO FREEDOM

## Stories from Austria Post-WWII

Saturday, February 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: WWII Veteran and Dachau Liberator,  
Hilbert Margol presents *"Riding to Freedom"*

The Atlanta World War II Round Table's Hilbert Margol will give his new presentation about he and his twin brother Howard, who both served in the 42nd "Rainbow Division" and were among the first American GIs to arrive at and liberate the infamous DACHAU Nazi concentration camp.

"Riding to Freedom" is about Hilbert and Howard's time in the Occupation Army shortly after the end of World War II in Europe and their experience transporting thousands of newly liberated Jews who survived the Holocaust to the Austrian Alps.

You won't want to miss this inspiring story from a living eyewitness to one of the darkest chapters in history.

RSVP with Bill LeCount no later than February 15, 2023 at 404-886-7383.

Hilbert Margol and his brother, Howard both served in Battery B, 392<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion during WWII and after, during the Occupation of Austria, helping to carry out the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry "Rainbow" Division responsibilities there.

Part of his presentation will be from a letter written by Lt. Col. Edwin Rusteberg, on the staff of MG Harry J. Collins during the Occupation, to his son, William Rusteberg and daughter, Suellen McDaniel.

### Lt. Col. Rusteberg's long and descriptive letter on the role of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division, Zone Command Austria begins:

"At the end of WWII, after the attempted extermination of the Jewish race, through concentration camp genocide, by the Nazi regime in Europe, there was a mass movement by those who survived and their supporters, to migrate to and establish an independent Jewish nation in the Middle East. Their goal was Palestine, under the protective custody of Great Britain, which had liberated the country from Turkey in WWI, in 1918, and had received its mandate for the territory from the League of Nations in 1922.

"This mandate, in support of the Balfour Declaration, made by the Foreign Secretary of Great Britain, to support the establishment of a "Jewish National Home," instructed Great Britain to facilitate Jewish immigration and settlement upon the land.

"As the immigration proceeded between WWI and WWII, there developed strong resistance to it by the Arab nations, and there was much unrest, rioting, and fighting between the factions. As a result of this, and to restore order, in 1939 the British Government declared that a "Jewish National Home" had now been established in accordance with their mandate from the League of Nations – thus implying that it was a "Home" and not a "State." Having declared their mission accomplished, and to appease the Arabs, they then restricted further immigration of Jews into the area to a total of 75,000 to take place during the next five years.

"As WWII came along, things quieted down a bit as defeat of the Axis was paramount to the issue, and 30,000 Palestinian Jews enlisted in the British forces in the Middle East and served with distinction in North Africa and Italy.

"After WWII was over, the new Labor Party, which came to power in England in August 1945, failed to change the immigration policy set up in 1939, thus making it illegal for any further immigration of Jews into Palestine. Any immigration therefore had to be accomplished surreptitiously under the watchful eyes of the British.

"With the above summary as background, I would like to relate to you the situation where I found myself, in Austria at war's end, and a few of the episodes that I experienced during my tour of duty there from the end of WWII through 1947, as the avalanche of the Exodus of European Jews made its way through that country heading for their new homeland in Palestine . . ."

### Caption to Dining-Out photo on page 2:

L-R, MG Tom Spencer, BG (ret) Paul Genereux, MG(ret) Harry Miller, Bud Gahs, MG(ret) Tom Kinley, MG(ret) Steve Wickstrom, MG(ret) Steve Ferrari; photographer CW3 Al Thiem

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### Captions to Photos on Page One



(Above) Hubert Caloud, (USMC, Ret), Superintendent of Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, FRANCE at podium; Photo by Beatrice Dahm

**Photo One** - New York Army National Guard (NYARNG) 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division Veterans Day wreath-laying memorial service was held on November 5th, 2022, at the 42nd Infantry Division World War I Memorial in Garden City, NY. The memorial wreath was presented and saluted by New York Army National Guard (Retired) Brigadier General Pat Alesia, President, 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division Association, and New York Army National Guard Lt Col Padraic "Pat" Lilly, Rear Detachment Commander, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment. The service commemorates the history and service of the 42nd Infantry Division during World War I, and is held at the former site of Camp Mills, which was the birthplace of the 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division where soldiers would train prior to departing for overseas combat during World War I.

Members of the NYARNG 69th Infantry Regiment Veterans Association, 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division Association, and 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division Foundation (RDVF), and Nassau County American Legion Post attended this year's Veterans Memorial event.

The Color Guard and Honor Guard Firing Party were provided by the 11th New York Regiment USA-Volunteers (USA-V), singing of the National Anthem, and playing of TAPS was provided by Colonel Louis Dileo, 11th New York Regiment USA-V. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by New York Guard Capt. Mark Getman)

**Photo Two** – The Rainbow Viaduct dedicated to the brave men of the 167<sup>th</sup> Infantry who fought to preserve our freedom; Birmingham, AL Veterans Day photo by SGM Jeremy C. Birchfield, Operations Sergeant, 62<sup>nd</sup> Troop Command

**Photo Three** – Union Station, Montgomery, Alabama; Rainbow Soldier sculpture by James Butler, R.A. photo by LTC John Craft, State Partnership Program Director, Alabama National Guard

**Photo Four** - Memorial wreath at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis; War Memorial, "In memory of the Soldiers of the 42nd Division U.S. Army in World Wars I and II..."; facilitated by Ken Marshall, son of WWII Rainbow Veteran, Charles F. Marshall, C/122 Med Bn (RDVA Past National President) and Frances L. Marshall (RDVA Past National Auxiliary President).

**Photo Five** - On 11 November 2022, Wreath placed at the Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Memorial located at the NJ ARNG Readiness Center at Fort Dix, NJ by LTC (Ret) Robert F. Vicci who also took this photo.

**Photo Six** – RDVF wreath honoring General Douglas MacArthur placed at his statue at the United States Military Academy, West Point NY by LTC Gurpreet Singh USARMY NG NYARNG (USA)



(Left) "Return from the Argonne" memorial dedication at Union Station, Montgomery Alabama on 11 November 2021. This sculpture by James Butler, R.A. (1931 – 2022) honors all Alabamians who fought in World War I.

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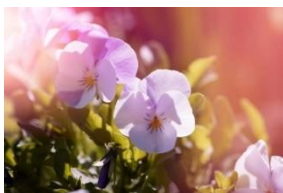
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Deaths Reported Since October 2022**

**BOCCUMINI**, Michael Joseph Military Police  
**DILLINGHAM**, Thomas C. "Tom" Company I, 242<sup>nd</sup> Infantry

**National Auxiliary Deaths Reported**



**Gloria J. Walker**, wife of  
*Justin C. "Jud" Walker,*  
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